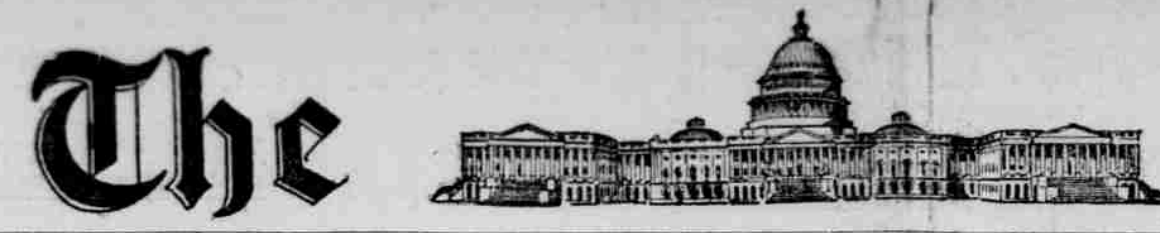


WEATHER PROBABILITIES.
For the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia: fair; no change in temperature; southwesterly winds.



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RESERVOIR DAMS BREAK Twelve Million Gallons of Water Thunder Down a Ravine.

SEVEN PERSONS' LIVES LOST

Four Children, Two Women and One Man the Victims—Heroism Shows in the Face of the Flood. A Mother's Vain Effort to Save Her Child.

New York, July 14.—The two dams that held the water in the Melanah reservoir, 500 feet up on the Fishkill mountains, south of the village of Fishkill, broke one after the other, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning, and the twelve million gallons of water stored in the reservoir, thus suddenly released, went roaring and thundering, like a small Niagara, down a mountain ravine a thousand yards to the Hudson. There was a lightning in its path and, besides this, two frame buildings, little more than shanties, and a tenement house. In these lived the fathers and the mothers of the children. They had warning of what was coming, and leaped or tumbled out of the houses to places of safety, but when the mighty roar of waters swept from their foundations and smashed almost to pieces, they became panic-stricken and fled for higher ground, seven of them, a man, two women, and four children, were swept away by the water and drowned. It was so deep that the bodies of the victims were not recovered until they had been in the water for several days. They had been in the water for several days. They had been in the water for several days.

FUR SEAL CONTROVERSY

Sharp Note of Secretary Sherman to Ambassador Hay.

CHARGES BREACH OF FAITH

Says the British Government Has Failed to Discharge Its Police Duties Under the Award Questions the Fairness of the Report by the British Expert, Thompson.

The President intended to transmit to the Senate yesterday a special message which he had prepared, explaining that it was "incompatible with the public interest," as the diplomatic phrase goes, to comply with the request contained in Senator Morgan's resolution calling for the correspondence in the fur seal fisheries negotiations. He deferred sending the message, however, on account of the premature publication of the text of Secretary Sherman's note of May 10 to Ambassador Hay, a synopsis of which was published, according to Great Britain's official press, in the morning Star. The United States concerning the protection of seals. Some sort of reply will probably be made to the resolution.

THE REPUBLICAN CLUBS.

A Platform Adopted and Various Plans of Work Proposed.

Detroit, Mich., July 14.—At the opening of the convention of the National League of Republican Clubs this morning the committee on rules reported that the rules of the convention should be the same as those of the National League of Republican Clubs. A telegram was received from Mark Hanna regarding the official duties of the convention. "My official duties are preventing my attending your convention, which I greatly regret. I desire, however, to thank and commend the league for its work and to bespeak for it a useful and prosperous future."

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London, July 14.—The Standard has received a dispatch dated Constantinople, July 12, saying that the Porte has agreed to reduce the war indemnity demanded from Greece from \$25,000,000 to \$20,000,000, at the same time declaring that this is the extreme limit of concession she will make. The dispatch adds that it is reported that the Grand Vizier had a long and stormy interview with M. Nefedoff, the Russian ambassador, in which the latter insisted that the Turks must evacuate Thessaly. To this the Grand Vizier replied that Turkey would comply with the demand when Russia evacuated Karas and Batoum. Another dispatch to the Standard, dated yesterday, says that ministerial councils were held on Sunday and Monday, the result of which was a long report stating that the cabinet of the powers as a league of the Cross against the Crescent. The Sultan answered this report with the following tirade:

A LETTER FROM CARRILLO.

He Testifies to the Futility of Weyler's Grand Campaign.

New York, July 14.—Under date of June 29, Gen. Francisco Carrillo, commander of the Cuban patriot forces in the province of Santa Clara, writes to Delegate Estrada Palma as follows: "The campaign of the dry season being now ended, I have the pleasure to inform you that Spain has once more seen her elaborate efforts to conquer the revolution frustrated. Weyler's desperate attempts to vanquish our forces in Las Villas has resulted in inflicting greater cohesion and military character to our troops which, not satisfied with opposing an energetic resistance, have in many instances taken the offensive. I have reviewed the fourth army corps under my command during the worst of Weyler's campaign, and can testify to the uselessness of his operations. It is true, however, that as an instrument of Spain's wrath he has caused the ruin and misery of many a Cuban family."

CONFEREES IN UGLY MOOD

The Tariff Doctors Talking and Doing Nothing.

BIG MR. REED'S EXACTIONS

The House Conferees Maintain They Are Fighting the Sugar Schedule. Wool Discussed, but No Conclusion Reached—Mr. Jones of Nevada and Beet Sugar.

The deadlock in the conference committee continues. The conferees kept at the work unceasingly yesterday, save when called into the Senate chamber to make a quorum. They fussed and fussed and wrangled and wore themselves out, so that when evening came they concluded not to hold a night session but to recuperate for the to-morrow. Up to this time there has absolutely been no agreement on the sugar schedule. The longer the conference continues the stiffer becomes the backbone of the big speaker, and the more does he prod the gentlemen of the committee to do his bidding. And, it is believed, the conferees do the Senate conferees insist that there is the only and right way to settle the matter. The interference of the Speaker has played the Senate and there are threats that if he does not make himself a little less conspicuous there may not be an agreement on anything for some time to come.

A PARADISE FOR MINERS

Forty Return From Alaska With Sackfuls of Yellow Dust.

The Stories of the Fabulous Richness of the New Klondike Mines Verified.

San Francisco, July 14.—Stories of the fabulous richness of the new Klondike mines on the Upper Yukon, were proved today when forty miners arrived from that camp with 340 pounds of gold, amounting to over \$500,000.

THE HAWAIIAN TREATY

It Is Reported to the Senate With-out Amendment.

The Foreign Relations Committee Thought It Unwise to Load It With Additions

The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations yesterday made short work of the Hawaiian annexation treaty, ordering a favorable report to be made to the Senate at once. This report was made later in the day when the Senate went into executive session.

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ARREST MANY MERCHANTS

Eighty Wealthy Spaniards Charged With Selling Goods to Cubans.

Some Are Millionaires and Many Prominent Members of the Union Constitutional Party.

Havana, via Key West, July 14.—At the moment I send this dispatch Havana is in the greatest state of excitement that has existed here since the war began. Eighty wealthy Spaniards and bankers were arrested here today accused of selling merchandise and medicines to the Cuban patriots.

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